

FACT SHEET: DRUG COURT PROGRAM



Program Overview

The first Drug Court in the County of Los Angeles was established in 1994.

Today there are 12 drug treatment courts throughout the County of Los Angeles.

There are 12 traditional adult drug courts, two juvenile drug courts, and four specialized court programs based on the drug court model.

The specialized court programs include: the Co-Occurring Disorders court, the Family Dependency Drug Court, the Sentenced Offenders Drug Court, and the Women's Reentry Court.

Approximately 5,234 participants have graduated from the traditional adult program since its inception.*

Approximately 70 percent of graduates remain conviction-free in the five years following their graduation.**

Target population

Drug courts are diverse and serve various populations such as adults, juveniles, repeat drug offenders, multiple offenders, parents of children in the child welfare system, and drug probation violators.

Goals of drug court programs:

- Reduce drug usage and recidivism.
- Provide court supervised treatment.
- Integrate drug treatment with other rehabilitation services to promote long-term recovery.
- Reduce social costs.

* SOURCE: Drug Court Management Information System (DCMIS) covering the period of January 1993 to April 2010

**SOURCE: Los Angeles County Drug Program Bi-Annual Report covering Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and 2008-2009

The success of the Drug Court program is due to the collaborative efforts of the following Los Angeles County agencies:

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| • Superior Court | • District Attorney | • Chief Executive Office |
| • Department of Mental Health | • Public Defender | • Alternate Public Defender |
| • Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee | • Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control | • Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Providers |